

Amendments to the Specification:

The Abstract originally submitted with this application should be deleted and replaced with the abstract appearing below:

Abstract of the Disclosure

**FEMALE TERMINAL WITH SACRIFICIAL ARC DISCHARGE CONTACTS**

A female terminal with a passageway defined by generally spaced apart sidewalls for receiving a male terminal. The passageway may be configured from two U-shaped channels, with a primary contact and a sacrificial contact stamped from each sidewall of each U-shaped channel with the sacrificial contact located forward of the primary contact. The sacrificial contacts are disposed in the direction of insertion of the male terminal into the passageway, and are separated from each sidewall by apertures above and below the sacrificial contact so that any residue from arcing is mostly contained at the edges of the sacrificial contacts.